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VI High Command

1. The VI High Command is located in the former home for aged people at 31 Seckendorffstrasse, Berlin. It occupies 11 houses. The Command is guarded by a Wachbereitschaft which had been quartered in a house in the headquarters area up to mid-May 1950, but then moved to Adlershof. *
2. The VI High Command is organized into the "Hauptverwaltung Deutsche Volkspolizei" (HVDV: Main Administration of German Volkspolizei) and the "Hauptverwaltung fuer Ausbildung" (HVA: Main Administration for Training).

HVDVF

3. Prior to 21 June 1950 the HVDVI was headed by the late Dr. h. c. Kurt Fischer who was also Commander-in-Chief of the entire Volkspolizei. The position of first Deputy chief and Polit-culture chief was vacant. It had been occupied by General-inspekteur (major general) Karlheinz Hoffmann. Second Deputy chief was Generalinspekteur Gustav Maier and third deputy chief Generalinspekteur Willi Seifferth. ** The secretariat was headed by Inspekteur Dr. Engelhardt (fnu). The HVDVI was composed of the following Hauptabteilungen (departments): Polit-Culture Department, headed by Chef-inspekteur Herbert Gruenstein; ** Personnel Department, headed by Chefinspekteur Richard Wenzel; ** Administration and Supply Department, headed by Chefinspekteur Glaeser; Safety Police Department, headed by Chefinspekteur Strieger (fnu); Criminal Police Department, headed by Inspekteur Odlatlik (fnu); Transportation Police Department, headed by Chefinspekteur Herbert Herrklotz; ** Fire Police Department; Border Police Department and Detention Department.

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4. The Detention Department was headed by Inspekteur Karl Gerting who had worked with the K-5 Department of the former DVdI (Deutsche Verwaltung des Innern-German Administration of the Interior) until it was dissolved. ** Officers of the Detention Department included Inspekteur Heinz Marquardt, formerly with the Berlin police headquarters; Inspekteur Walter Wegner, who attended the Moscow Lenin University for several years and was later chief of the Party Control Commission of the Polit-Culture Department; and Kommandeur Huth (fnu), formerly chief of secretariat at the Berlin police headquarters. The Detention Department (Hauptabteilung Haftachen:HS) was established under the designation x as early as October 1949. It was given its present designation after the dissolution of the concentration camps. It now controls all penitentiaries and prisons housing former concentration camp inmates.
5. The HVA is the superior authority for all paramilitary VI units, such as VI Bereitschaften and VI schools.
6. Until the government decree of mid-March 1950 the VI High Command included as its third main administration the "Hauptverwaltung zum Schutze der Wirtschaft und des Volkseigentums" (Main Administration for protection of Economy and People's Property), which was converted into the Ministry of State Security.

25X1 * [] Comment. The HVDVI was known to be located in Berlin-Wilhelmsruh. The home for aged people on Beckendorffstrasse is located in the suburb of Niederschoenhausen, immediately east of Wilhelmsruh, and is composed of 11 buildings, according to the city map. The information on the location is therefore given credence.

25X1 ** [] Comment. Generalinspektore Gustav Meier and Seifferth (fnu) and Chefinspektore Herbert Gruenstein, Richard Wenzel and Herbert Herrklotz were previously known to hold the specified positions. Inspekteur Gerting is known from reports on a trial for kidnapping before a U.S. Military Court in 1949.

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